



Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Soil and Water Districts Commission

Department fact sheet

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Statute/Authority

Section 278.080

Number of Members

6 (+ 4 non-voting ex officio)

Number of Members Appointed by the Governor

6

Is Senate Confirmation Required?

Yes, for the voting members.

Membership Composition

All voting members must be farmers.

Terms

Three years and until a successor is selected and qualified.

Political Affiliation

No more than four voting members can be of the same political party.

Compensation

Reasonable and necessary expenses.

Geographic Consideration

Three voting members are to be from north of the Missouri River and three from south of the Missouri River. Only one member from any given senatorial district.

Responsibilities of the Commission/Members

The State Soil and Water Districts Commission administers the soil and water conservation districts provided for by sections 278.060 to 278.300. The Soil and Water Districts Commission formulates policies and general programs for the saving of Missouri soil and water by the soil and water conservation districts, giving consideration to the districts' needs based on their character. It receives and allocates or otherwise expends for the use or benefit of the districts any funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the use or benefit of the districts, including a soil and water conservation cost-share program. It receives and properly conveys to the soil and water conservation districts any other form of aid extended to such districts by any other agency of this state. It exercises other authority conferred upon it and performs other duties assigned to it by sections 278.060 to 278.300; and it is the administrative agency representing Missouri in these and all other matters arising from the provisions of sections 278.060 to 278.300.

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Frequency of Meetings and Location(s)

Meetings are held between seven and ten times per year depending on need. Most are held in Jefferson City, but meetings are occasionally held (two to three times per year) in other areas of the state.

Time Expended by Commissioners for Meetings and Preparation Thereof

Meetings take between four and seven hours. Preparation time is about two to four hours per meeting. Travel to and from meetings depends on where the commissioner lives and can be between one to seven hours per meeting.

Requirements for Inclusion of Items on Agenda

Agenda items are provided to the Staff Assistant. Districts and individuals can request that items be put on the agenda as close as one week prior to the meeting.

Public Comment Opportunities at Meetings

Any interested person can comment on any agenda item or other issue during the meeting. Written comments on issues can be provided to staff or the commission at any time. Most of our activities are not formal or legalistic -discussion is open and encouraged by the commission chair.

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